

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and further and favorable reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, are respectfully requested.

By the foregoing amendment, claim 1 has been amended without prejudice or disclaimer to recite the nitroimidazole derivatives of claims 8 and 12. As a result, claims 2-12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation/divisional applications directed to any of the canceled or amended subject matter. No new matter has been added.

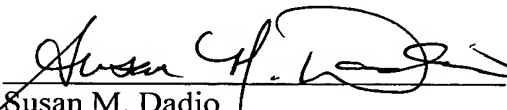
From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment and Reply or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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